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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure**

**In re application of:** Van Winkle et al.

**Application No.** 10/509,691

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**For:** GENERATION OF PLANTS WITH  
IMPROVED DROUGHT TOLERANCE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office action dated November 14, 2007, for which a three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before February 14, 2008. Applicants petition for a one month extension of time and submit the appropriate extension fee, now making a response due on or before **March 14, 2007**. If any additional fees are required in connection with filing this document, please charge Deposit Account 02-4550.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 and end with a brief Conclusion on page 12.